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<b>(54) Title:</b> TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS  <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The invention concerns a topical composition comprising an emulsion of at least one discontinuous phase in a continuous phase, the or each discontinuous phase including a eutectic mixture of first and second pharmacologically active agents and the continuous phase being provided by a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the eutectic mixture having a melting point below 40 °C. The topical composition may additionally comprise, in the eutectic mixture, a third or fourth pharmaceutically acceptable component.</p>		